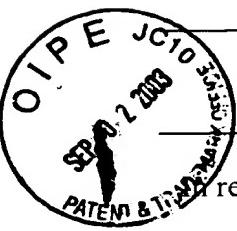


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 29, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects group I, claims 1-15 and 29-38 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application. The restriction of group I is respectfully traversed. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce claims of a similar scope in a divisional application.

REMARKS

The examiner indicated that Group I contains claims 1-15 and 29-38, drawn to a computer network access regulating classified in class 709, Subclass 225. The examiner further indicated that Group II contains claims 23-28, drawn to a network resource allocation classified in class 709, subclass 226.